

BOMBED FEUDISTS SEEK OWN PLANE FOR AIR REPRISALS ON RIVAL GANG

Illinois Fearful Of New Shellings In Big Crime War

HARRISBURG, ILL., Nov. 13 (By U. P.)—Airplane reprisals were feared today as Charles Birger, head of one of the warring factions in "Bloody" Williamson county, announced plans to answer his enemies with their own novel tactics.

Following yesterday's airplane bomb raid, the first in the nation's crime history, on the stronghold of the Birger faction near here, the picturesque gang leader said, "if I can find a good airplane and a good pilot, I'll finish them like they tried to finish me."

Birger was referring to the rival Shelton gang.

Machine guns, automatic rifles and revolvers were in readiness at the roadhouse, which is the headquarters of Birger and his cohorts, to repel another possible air raid.

No Wing Markings

The airplane which participated in yesterday's air attack was of the ordinary American type and bore no distinguishing marks. It came out of the clouds, circled the narrow clump of trees which surrounds the Birger roadhouse, and dropped three bombs. One exploded 100 yards from the structure.

It was the first shell hole in the history of American crime.

Then came the ratatat, ratatat of machine guns. The Birger men had swung into action.

But the pilot circled his airplane, then sped away to the northwest as the staccato of the machine guns echoed after him.

Women Faint As Man Dies in Subway Leap

While hundreds of workers lined the southbound platform of the B. M. T. subway station at Prince Street at 8:25 today, a shabbily dressed, unidentified man about 40, plunged in front of a train which was arriving at the station. He was fatally injured.

Several women screamed and fainted as two cars passed over the body. The police emergency patrol under Sergeant Stanton and Fire Truck 20 under Battalion Chief Daniel Carlock worked for twenty-one minutes to extricate the body. Traffic on the southbound lines was tied up for this period.

KEEFER PROMOTED

Col. Frank R. Keefer, surgeon general of the Second Corps Area, was congratulated by fellow officers on Governors Island today on his appointment by President Coolidge as brigadier general and assistant surgeon general of the army.

Girl to Marry Slayer Before He Goes to Chair

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 13.—Robert Lee Bennett, 20, accused of slaying his grandmother to obtain money so that he might marry, today faces the electric chair.

The youth heard a jury return a death verdict after deliberating an hour.

Throughout the trial the alleged slayer was consoled by Miss Evelyn Cook, his fiancee. The girl declared that she intends to marry Bennett even though he is under sentence of death.

Unwilling Bigamist and Wife No. 2



JACK REVITCH didn't want to commit bigamy, he told the court, explaining he was forced to marry Jeanette Abrams by two gunmen, who held revolvers at his back as he took out the marriage license and went through the wedding ceremony. The complainant wife, Jeanette, is shown above. In the inset is Revitch, the unwilling husband.

Forced to Commit Bigamy By Gunmen, He Tells Court

Generally when a man has one wife, and is willing to commit bigamy, it's assumed he must have an intense longing to lead No. 2 to the Marriage License Bureau.

But such was not the case with Jack Revitch, on trial before Judge Cohn and a jury in Bronx county on a charge of bigamy.

Revolvers thrust behind his back by the father of Jeanette Abrams and two hired gunmen forced Revitch to go through a marriage ceremony, although he already had one wife, he charged.

Revitch now lives with his first wife, Winifred, and their two children, at 567 Tiemann Place, The Bronx. Wife No. 2 lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Abrams, 2078 Arthur Ave., The Bronx.

Revitch married his first wife in Cleveland, February 5, 1920. The marriage which led to his arrest for bigamy took place on June 21 last, after a telephone call on the morning of the 20th brought him to the Abrams home. As he entered the Abrams home, Revitch declared, the elder Abrams slammed the door and drew a pistol.

"I signed the license with a pistol pressed behind my back," the witness testified.

FOUND DEAD IN BATH

A maid entering his rooms in the Hotel Harding, 203 West 44th St., yesterday to change the linen found the body of Christopher B. Welcker, 42, formerly an official of the hotel, dead in the bathroom.

\$15,000,000 German Loan Finds Ready Takers in Wall St.

The \$15,000,000 German loan, the details of which by a strange coincidence were made known on Armistice Day, has been heavily oversubscribed, it was learned today in Wall Street. The loan consisted of 30-year 6 1/2 per cent. first mortgage bonds of the Berlin Electric Elevated and Underground Railways Company.

Of the \$15,000,000 issue, \$3,000,000 had been withdrawn by the underwriters, Speyer & Co., for offering in Holland. This allotment was sold quickly, and orders for large additional amounts were received from England, from several countries on the Continent and from Canadian investors. The entire issue was sold within a short time after the subscription books were opened.

The corporation issuing the bonds is owned by the city of Berlin and the proceeds will be used for extension of the city's rapid transit system.

PALESTINE MOVIES

Motion pictures showing the progress made in transforming the Holy Land in Palestine since the World War will be shown at the free lecture, "Why Are the Jews Rebuilding Palestine?" to be delivered at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Brooklyn Masonic Temple, Clermont and Lafayette Avenues, by F. W. Franz, Bible scholar and lecturer.

War Declared by Drys To Stop Xmas Spirits; Suspect Ship Workers

Society Rivals In Midwest Fight Over Queen Marie

ABOARD QUEEN MARIE'S TRAIN IN ILLINOIS, Nov. 13 (By U. P.)—Queen Marie today enjoys her last day of comparative rest before entering upon intensive social activity in the industrial cities of the Middle West.

Four days in Chicago, a day in Indianapolis, then Louisville, Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh—all overnight "jumps"—and crowded social engagements in each place.

Controversy is already raging in each city over the manner in which to greet her majesty. Politicians are weighing the value and loss of being seen with royalty, social climbers are attacking each other bitterly for the privilege of being with her majesty, social arbiters are in violent quarrel over the niceties of etiquette.

Yesterday Queen Marie toured "the better part of St. Louis," then dined at an official banquet and attended a horse show.

Between these activities however, she found time to baptize the 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. Marie Weber of Smackover, Ark., giving her own name of Marie. Mrs. Weber is a Rumanian.

Miners' Delegates Accept Plan to End British Coal Strike

LONDON, Nov. 13 (By U. P.)—The miners' delegate conference today in effect approved the government's proposal for settling the coal dispute, which has kept most of Britain's mines and most of her 1,000,000 miners idle since the coal stoppage began, six and one-half months ago.

The approval was in the form of a recommendation that the miners themselves accept the government's terms. The terms were referred to the mining districts for ballot of the workers.

Boys Pilfer Exam Papers, Easily Make the Grade

It's an all wind that blows no one any good, and even more so it's an ill examination that declines to blow good to the students at Erasmus Hall High School.

When examinations are made, it is best to take advantage of them, apparently is the motto of a daring schoolboy. He did. Under the guise of an employee in the building, this young altruist tucked himself down into the basement under the quiet of a building in which the mid-year examination question papers had been stored until needed. One of the students gained access to the papers.

With the aid of a friend he had duplicate copies made, and sold them to the anxious students at one dollar a copy. Business was

The government to blasted open a war upon bootleggers who expect to provide New York city with all the liquor it needs during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Fifty Federal prohibition agents have been sent here from Washington, D. C., to investigate complaints that large quantities of liquor are being landed daily from vessels lying in the harbor. A huge whisky syndicate is reported to be in back of the proceedings.

Follows GRAPHIC Expose

The syndicate is believed to have bribed stevedores and ship officials to help smuggle the liquor ashore.

The action of the government followed publication of an expose, dealing with the intentions of the syndicate to flood New York city with liquor over the holidays, in The GRAPHIC.

Additional impetus was given the drive against the liquor forces by the arrest of four stevedores and the seizure of whisky on the steamship *Orizaba* of the Ward Line while she was lying at Pier 14 off Maiden Lane. United States Attorney Buckner would not discuss the arrests, preferring to keep his plans secret.

Mae and Prince Sail for Secret Honeymoon

Mae Murray, film actress, and her husband, David Divani, who claims he is a prince of the Republic of Georgia, are on their way to Europe today aboard the White Star liner *Olympic* for a six months honeymoon.

Mae and her prince exerted every effort to keep their sailing a secret, and had their names kept off the passenger list. They slipped aboard the *Olympic* in an unostentatious manner and kept out of sight, hoping that they would not be discovered.

The ship news reporters, however, ferreted them out and finally Mae confessed that she was honeymooning.

Brisk. Now come two versions to the yarn.

One has it that the teachers in French, history and Latin were greatly surprised to learn that their students, even the best of them, could attain such uniformly high marks.

Another has it that a student with a conscience but no sense of humor reported the matter to the authorities.

As a result, one boy was expelled and another lad transferred. Their names were not revealed. And Dr. J. Herbert Low, the principal, is still investigating.